(a) whether Government has received complaints about the irregularities that took place during the elections for railways employees unions;

(b) if so, the number and name of places thereof;

(c) the number of complaints resolved along with the number of guilty persons and action taken against them;

(d) whether the election for any union has been cancelled, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for not disposing of the complaints and by when these complaints would be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Appointment of handicapped persons in railways

†3360. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handicapped persons appointed by Railways in the last five years;

(b) whether her Ministry has reserved posts for handicaps; and

(c) the number of vacant reserved posts and the action being taken to fill them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) As per the available information, a total of 371 handicapped persons have been recruited in Group 'C' and 540 in Group 'D' on the Railways from the year 2004 to 2008 (upto 31.10.2008). As regards Group 'A', 6 handicapped persons have been recruited since the year 2006. Reservation for persons with disabilities is being made as per the provisions of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995. For filling up of the backlog vacancies of 2377 in Group 'C' and 1811 in Group 'D' (as on 31.10.2008) on the Railways, a Special Recruitment Drive has been launched. As regards Group 'A' services, indent for 10 posts has been placed with Union Public Service Commission for filling up the vacancies in Group 'A' services on the basis of Civil Services Examination 2009 and 2010.

Employment to empanelled candidates

3361. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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